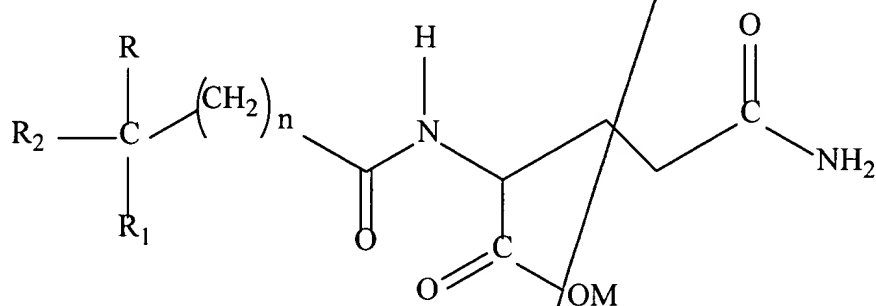


1. A method for the treatment or inhibition of hypercholesterolemia or hypertriglyceridemia, comprising the step of:  
administering a composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of either Formula I:

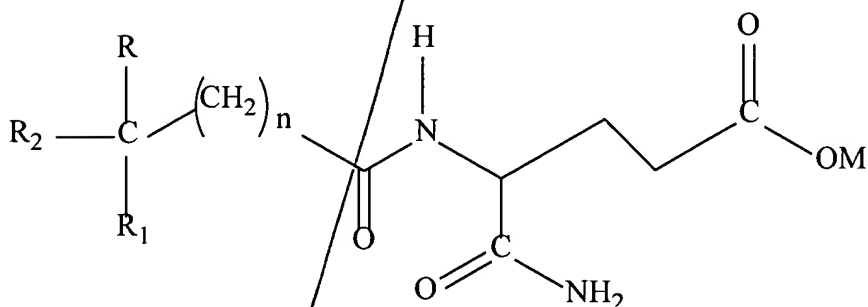
a) Formula I



wherein R and R<sub>1</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkoxy (C<sub>1-6</sub>), or lower alkyl (C<sub>1-6</sub>); R<sub>2</sub> is selected from the group consisting of aryl (C<sub>6-12</sub>) and substituted aryl; M is hydrogen, sodium, potassium, ammonium, diethanolamine, cyclohexylamine, a naturally-occurring amino acid of MW less than 500 kD, lower alkyl (C<sub>1-6</sub>), cycloalkyl, or aryl (C<sub>6-12</sub>); and n is 0-5;

b) Formula III:

Formula III

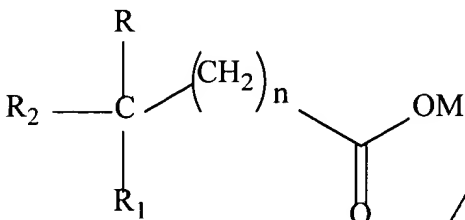


wherein R and R<sub>1</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkoxy (C<sub>1-6</sub>), or lower alkyl (C<sub>1-6</sub>); R<sub>2</sub> is selected from the group consisting of aryl (C<sub>6-12</sub>) and substituted aryl; M is hydrogen, sodium, potassium, ammonium,

diethanolamine, cyclohexylamine, a naturally-occurring amino acid of MW less than 500 kD, lower alkyl (C<sub>1-6</sub>), cycloalkyl, or aryl (C<sub>6-12</sub>); and n is 0-5;

c) [or ] Formula IV:

Formula IV



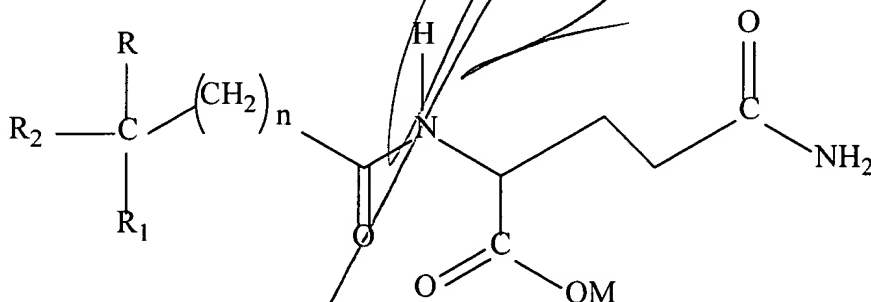
wherein R and R<sub>1</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkoxy (C<sub>1-6</sub>), or lower alkyl (C<sub>1-6</sub>); R<sub>2</sub> is selected from the group consisting of aryl (C<sub>6-12</sub>) and substituted aryl; M is hydrogen, sodium, potassium, ammonium, diethanolamine, cyclohexylamine, a naturally-occurring amino acid of MW less than 500 kD, lower alkyl (C<sub>1-6</sub>), cycloalkyl, or aryl (C<sub>6-12</sub>); and n is 0-5; or,

d) any combination thereof.

17. A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment or inhibition of hypercholesterolemia or hypertriglyceridemia, comprising:

*92* a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of either Formula I:

a) Formula I



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### Formula III

